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Panel Discussion with ROP Customs

January 14th, The Oman American Business Council in collaboration with the Embassy of the United States of America held a panel discussion with Directorate General of Customs, Royal Oman Police. The event focused on the Integrated Customs Management System and Single Electronic Window. Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions, receive clarifications, and share their experiences during this meeting David Hunt, Customs Advisor ROP Customs.



Commercial Officer Ann Mason with the panel members

FTA Awareness Seminar Series

On March 3, The Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in partnership with The Embassy of the United States of America organized the “The U.S.-Oman FTA Awareness Seminar”. Presentations were shared by the U.S Embassy on the FTA Basics and Tools, and Business Travel to U.S. formalities, InvestEasy on Business Registration process in Oman and by the Directorate General of Customs on Customs Measures on the U.S. Products in Oman.



Ambassador Holtz speaking at the U.S.-Oman Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Awareness Seminar

Dr. Johanna Chitlik's visit to Oman

On March 15-18, Dr. Jo Chitlik who serves in the U.S. Department of State Office of Investment Affairs as an Investment Policy Specialist visited Muscat and Sohar.



Dr Johanna Chitlik at the Oman American Business Council (OABC) panel discussion on Oman Economic Horizons, with a critical focus on the inflation of oil and gas prices



Dr. Johanna Chitlik at the Investment Panel Discussion at ORPEC on understanding the drivers of investing in Oman's refining, petrochemical and chemical Industries



Dr Johanna Chitlik and Commercial Officer Ann Mason at Occidental of Oman.

U.S. Alumni Networking Event

On March 25, U.S. Ambassador Greta C. Holtz, in collaboration with the Oman American Business Council, hosted a networking event. The event was attended by OABC members and aspiring Omani entrepreneurs.



Ambassador Holtz introducing the Oman American Business Council Chairman Ali Daud



Oman American Business Council Chairman Ali Daud addressing guests

Protecting Your Intellectual Property Rights in Oman

On March 26, The Oman American Business Council and the Embassy of the United States of America held a conference on Protecting Your Intellectual Property Rights in Oman, where attendees had the opportunity to hear from and interact directly with representatives from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO) Regional IPR Attaché, Ms Aisha Salem.



The U.S. Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission Mr. Paul Malik giving the introductory remarks at the conference

Events

International Buyer Program

- 2015 Offshore Technology Conference May 5–7 • Houston, TX • otcnet.org
- The National Restaurant Association Restaurant, Hotel-Motel Show (NRA Show) 2015 May 16–19 • Chicago, IL • show.restaurant.org
- WasteExpo 2015 June 1–4 • Las Vegas, NV • wasteexpo.com
- InfoComm International® 2015 June 17–19 • Las Vegas, NV • infocommshow.org
- 2015 International Franchise Expo June 18–20 • New York, NY • ifeinfo.com
- WEFTEC® Water Environment Federation Technical Exhibition and Conference 2015 September 26–30 • Chicago, IL • weftec.org
- POWER-GEN® International December 8–10 • Las Vegas, NV • power-gen.com

Exhibitions and trade fairs in the Sultanate of Oman

- The BIG Show : 30 March-02 April
- GCC Supply Chain and Logistics Conference: 13-16 April
- GHEDEX: 20-22 April
- COMEX: 27 Apr - 1 May
- Oman Energy & Water Exhibition and Conference: 19 - 21 May 2015.

Logistics Direct Line – Webinar: The Embassy is inviting U.S. companies to join a Direct Line-Webinar call to outline the business opportunities in the railway sector in Oman. Representatives from Oman Rail will join the U.S. Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission on this two hour-long chat with private-sector and Government participants who will connect to the webinar in the United States. The Direct Line program provides a unique opportunity for American businesses, particularly small- and medium-sized enterprises, to engage directly via teleconference with companies overseas. The proposed date, time, time zone for call: May 13 at 9:00am EST / 17:00pm in Muscat (GMT+4).

Middle East & Africa Business Outlook Conference: Interact with over 20 Senior U.S. Commercial Attaches and Specialists. Learn about sales and project leads in the GCC, Sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa and the Levant. Learn from regional business and government leaders about sector and industry trends that affect regional and global growth. Network with key U.S. government and private sector decision makers. The conference will be held in Dubai from May 27 to 28 2015.